cities situated on the course of the Ganga have been assigned a role under the Ganga Action Plan;

(b) if so, what are the names of the universities and the role assigned to them; and

(c) what have been the performance of the universities concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The ongoing programme of Integrated Study of the Ecosystem of Ganga is now being co-ordinated in the context of Ganga Action Plan with the objective of obtaining a biological profile of the river.

(b) Under this programme 13 universities situated on the banks of the river have undertaken studies through which physical, chemical and biological parameters of the river water are determined over a three year period. The list of universities and the stretches of the river assigned to them are as follows:—

1. Garhwal University, Srinagar, Garhwal.	Gangotri to Rishikesh (Bhagirathi, Alakananda, Ganga)
2. Gurukul Kangri Viswa Vidyalaya, Hardwar.	Rishikesh to Garhmukteswar.
3. University of Roorkee, Roorkee,	Badrinath to Devprayag (Alakananda & Garhmuteswar to Narora (Ganga).
4. Aligarh Muslim University.	Narora to Kannauj.
5. Feroz Gandhi College, Rai Bareili	Shuklaganj to Kalakankar (Kanpur to Parhtapgarh) being extended from Kalakankar to Phaphamau.
6. Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.	Mirzapur to Ballia.
7. Patna University, Patna.	Buxer to Barauni.
8. Bhagalpur University, Bhagalpur.	Barauni to Farakka.
9. Rajendra Agriculture University, Pusa (Samastipur)	Barh to Sultanganj.
10. University of Burdwan, Burdwan.	Berhampur to Katwa.
11. University of Kalyani, Kalyani, Nadia.	Katwa to Naihati.
12. University of Calcutta, Calcutta.	Bally to Bandel.
13. Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Kalyani, West Bengal.	Katwa to Bandel.

In addition Jadavpur University has been entrusted with the task of developing an instrumentation system for automatic monitoring of river quality.

(c) The progress of work is periodically reviewed by a Committee of Experts constituted for this purpose. The programme is as per schedule and is to be completed in 1988-89.

SAARC Secretariat at Kathmandu

1029. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether SAARC has set up a Secretariat at Kathmandu; and

(b) if so, how many Indians have been appointed in that Secretariat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) None so far.

Political Asylum sought for by Sikh terrorists in West Germany

1030. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Sikh terrorists living abroad have applied for political asylum in West Germany;

(b) if so, what is their number and whether this will have an adverse effect in tackling the terrorist activities;

(c) whether Government have taken up the matter with the West German Government; and

(d) if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has not been possible to ascertain the exact number; though this lacuna has not adversely affected the tackling of the terrorist problem.

(c)) Yes, Sir.

(d) The response has been encouraging.

Maintenance and Development of Parks in Naraina Vihar, New Delhi

1031. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that maintenance/development of parks in Naraina Vihar, New Delhi are almost neglected totally by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi except one or two;

(b) what is the number of parks in Naraina Vihar, New Delhi and how many persons are engaged on permanent/temporary basis by the MCD for the maintenance of these parks;

(c) whether Government are aware that the workers so engaged permanent/temporary for maintenance/development of these parks are working in the factories nearby in collusion with the MCD officials; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There are 40 parks in Naraina Vihar. 38 regular/daily wage workers including one Choudhary are engaged for the maintenance of the parks.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Unemployed persons

1032. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applicants on the live registers of Employment Exchanges in the country as on 31st March, 1987;

(b) what is the number of medical and engineering graduates out of them; and

(c) what is the approximate period of enlistment of a medical or an engineering graduate before he gets an employment?